

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview (confirmed by email on 9/12/08 at 6:13 pm) with Katharina Schuster on 9/12/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

after "basis" (claim 37, line 2) insert -- **utilizing a processor** --;

replace "executable (claim 55, line 2) with -- **when executed** --;

delete "to" (claim 55, line 3).

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not specifically disclose or remotely suggest

With regard to independent claims 1 and 19:

retrieve a network communication from a network application running on a first user device communicatively coupled to the first network interface, wherein the network communication is destined for a second device on a second network coupled to the second network interface;

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retrieve a first user profile for a first user associated with the first user device from an authentication database based on user credentials provided by the first user;

initiate a control session for the first user;

dynamically update the at least one network bandwidth limit for at least one user from the set of users to account for the first user gaining access to the second network.

With regard to independent claims 37 and 55:

based on the **arbitrary number of attributes in each user profile**, establishing user specific rules and conditions that are bound to each user during a control session based on the user device associated with that user and the user credentials provided by that user for the control session, wherein the user specific rules include at least one network bandwidth limit for that user;

dynamically updating the at least one network bandwidth limit for at least one user from the set of users.

In addition, Examiner points to the arguments of Applicant's representative (Arguments on 7/17/08, pp. 13 – 15; Interview Summary mailed 7/22/08 (interview held on 7/16/08)).

2. These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record.

A review of claims 1 – 60, in view of the Examiner's arguments above, indicates that claims 1 – 60 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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